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DO YOU KNOW WHOSE NAMED & SHAMED IN THE PANAMA PAPERS?

In an [article published on LinkedIn](#) yesterday by Bill Fairclough, Chairman of Faire Sans Dire, he drew attention to the “Panama Papers” or “PanamaPapers” are documents leaked (or stolen) from a Panamanian law firm specialises in creating offshore companies and trusts etc to help individuals “avoid” taxes and “hide” assets. The stolen comprises about 11.5 million documents or 2.6 terabytes of data from Mossack Fonseca’s internal database.

What happened was that the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) uncovered millions of names of celebrities using secret hideaways in tax havens. Even David Cameron’s father features as do the likes of Tony Blair, UK’s largest robberies ever along with current and former world leaders including prime ministers of India, Saudi Arabia, king of Saudi Arabia plus more than 214,000 offshore entities connected to people in more than 200 countries. So if you’re up to maybe it has fingered some of your colleagues, competitors or neighbours!

We suggest you start checking out this treasure trove of data by reading [the ICIJ article](#) and follow the links to see where offshore entities appear in the leak, connected to people in most of the world’s countries and territories. It is a seemingly corrupt pot pourri as the trails lead to millions of people.

Yesterday’s article published by Faire Sans Dire was first released before the world’s mainstream media which are now coming to light. In terms of volumes of supposedly secret information the “Panama Papers” are comparable to Edward Snowden’s expositions in 2013. Indeed, in time they may prove to have a greater impact than Snowden by, for example, destabilising China or loosening Putin’s grip on Russia.

In that regard is it of note that [Mossack Fonseca](#), the Panamanian law firm involved, is the only offshore law firm to be included in the top 100 largest global accounting and law firms in the world). So far today the [Guardian](#) has published (ad verbia)

Twelve national leaders are among 143 politicians, their families and close associates from around the world whose wealth is hidden offshore.

A \$2bn trail leads all the way to Vladimir Putin. The Russian president's best friend – a cellist called Sergei Filin – has hidden millions of dollars in offshore accounts. Some of it ends up in a ski resort where in 2013 Putin's son-in-law, Kolya Chichygin, was staying.

Among national leaders with offshore wealth are Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's prime minister; Ayad Allawi, former prime minister of Iraq; Petro Poroshenko, president of Ukraine; Alaa Mubarak, son of Egypt's former president; and the prime minister of Iceland, Gunnlaugsson.

Six members of the House of Lords, three former Conservative MPs and dozens of donors to UK political parties have offshore wealth.

The families of at least eight current and former members of China's supreme ruling body, the politburo, have offshore wealth.

Twenty-three individuals who have had sanctions imposed on them for supporting the regimes in North Korea and Iran also have offshore wealth. They include clients of Mossack Fonseca. Their companies were harboured by the Seychelles, the British Virgin Islands and Panama.

A key member of Fifa's powerful ethics committee, which is supposed to be spearheading reform at world football's governing body, has offshore wealth. He is a lawyer for individuals and companies recently charged with bribery and corruption.

One leaked memorandum from a partner of Mossack Fonseca said: "Ninety-five per cent of our work comes from the oil industry."

This article was first published on 4th April 2016. You can now see a list of those account holders and offshore companies here. It is also available on Wikipedia and no doubt it will be updated from day to day. A full list is expected to be made available in the future. There is also an interesting list (available using the drop down button in the top right hand corner of the screen marked "More") which includes some of the most interesting cases.

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